

CROWD IS HERE

Washington Buzzing with
Its Inaugural Throngs.

CHIEF EVENT IS NEAR

Taft Will Be Made President at
Noon To-morrow.

VISITORS IN GOOD HUMOR

Everybody Happy in Expectancy
Over the Coming Ceremony at the
Capitol, the Parade, the Fire-
works, and All the Features Pro-
mulgated by the Inaugural Com-
mittee—Thousands of People in
the Streets—Military and Civic
Organizations, Governors, and Dis-
tinguished Men Arrive.

Washington is as dizzy as a June bug
with the intensity of its expectations.
It is spinning around on its civic ear,
intoxicated with the idea of the approach-
ing inauguration. The great Dementia
Americana has hit it between the eyes,
and it is staggering up and down Penn-
sylvania avenue in an abandon of open-
mouthed anticipation.

The crowds, growing greater and greater,
are slowly coagulating with their own
immensity, forecasting the time when the
historic Avenue will be packed with a
dense and motionless crowd, awaiting the
vanquisher of the inaugural parade.

Faster and faster come the recruits
through the portals of the Union Station,
and slower and more ponderously moves
the surging army of sight-seers in the
downtown sections.

Plans of Organizations.

Thousands of plans of organizations and
individuals are converging with swift ac-
celeration on the moment when Mr. Taft
—who, by the way, was playing a quiet
little game of golf at the Chevy Chase
links yesterday afternoon—lays his hand
on the traditional Bible, and gives his
oath to be true to his country and to the
best that is in him.

To-morrow afternoon, or as soon as pos-
sible after 12 o'clock, is the apex, the
apogee, the crucial moment toward which
the minds of men, women, and children
have been running for months. In order
that the occasion may pass off without a
hitch, a committee composed of some of
the best thinkers and executive organ-
izers in Washington has been giving its
undivided attention to the most insignif-
cant details for weeks. Merchants have
flooded their places of business with
streamers, bunting, electric lights, and
flags. House-owners out in the city have
decked their dwellings with the national
colors.

Men have struggled in Congressional,
gubernatorial, and Presidential campaigns
throughout the country. Political desti-
nities have been made and unmade in the
warfare of votes. A great national drama
has been in progress.

Hero of the Great Day.

To-morrow the hero of the great day,
decked with the garlands of success,
makes his bow to the audience and re-
ceives the plaudits due to his undisputed
position.

And still they come. In families, droves,
and whole communities, they are pour-
ing through the gates of the Union Sta-
tion, overwhelming the seats and the
wide floor space, and surging out through
the doors into the city. The great new
terminal hummed yesterday like a sea-
shell with the indefinable noise of multi-
tudes. A constant roar reverberated
through the high arches, echoed down the
corridors, vitalizing the atmosphere and
flashing on the ear drums.

And down on the white tiled floor, like
myriads of black ants, surged back and
forth the human cause of all the tumult.
Little family reunions, little hand-
shakes of friendship, little exclamations
of pleasure, each so important in itself,
were but tiny cogs contributing to the
vast sum total.

In full view of the crowds on the outer
platform the magic finger of the tele-
scope wrote on an illuminated sheet the
history of the trains bearing down on
Washington loaded to the guards with
new arrivals. As each chain of coaches
pulled in a squad of policemen cleared
the way before the gate, and in an in-
credibly short time a path as clean as
that through the Red Sea was opened
up, through which the newcomers passed.

Directions to Strangers.

Thirty public service guides were con-
stantly on hand to give directions to
strangers, and the multitude was handled
with marvelous ease and comfort. Cir-
culating about in the crowds were "plain
clothes men" from the local and outside
police forces ready to lend a hand at an
instant's notice, and scanning faces to
find crooks known to the rogues' gallery.
Pennsylvania avenue groaned under its
human load last night. The sidewalks
were black with pedestrians, thousands
of whom were forced to take to the street
to make their way. Automobiles and car-
riages groped and zig-zagged at a snail's
pace, and the stream of street cars re-
sembled a continuous train.

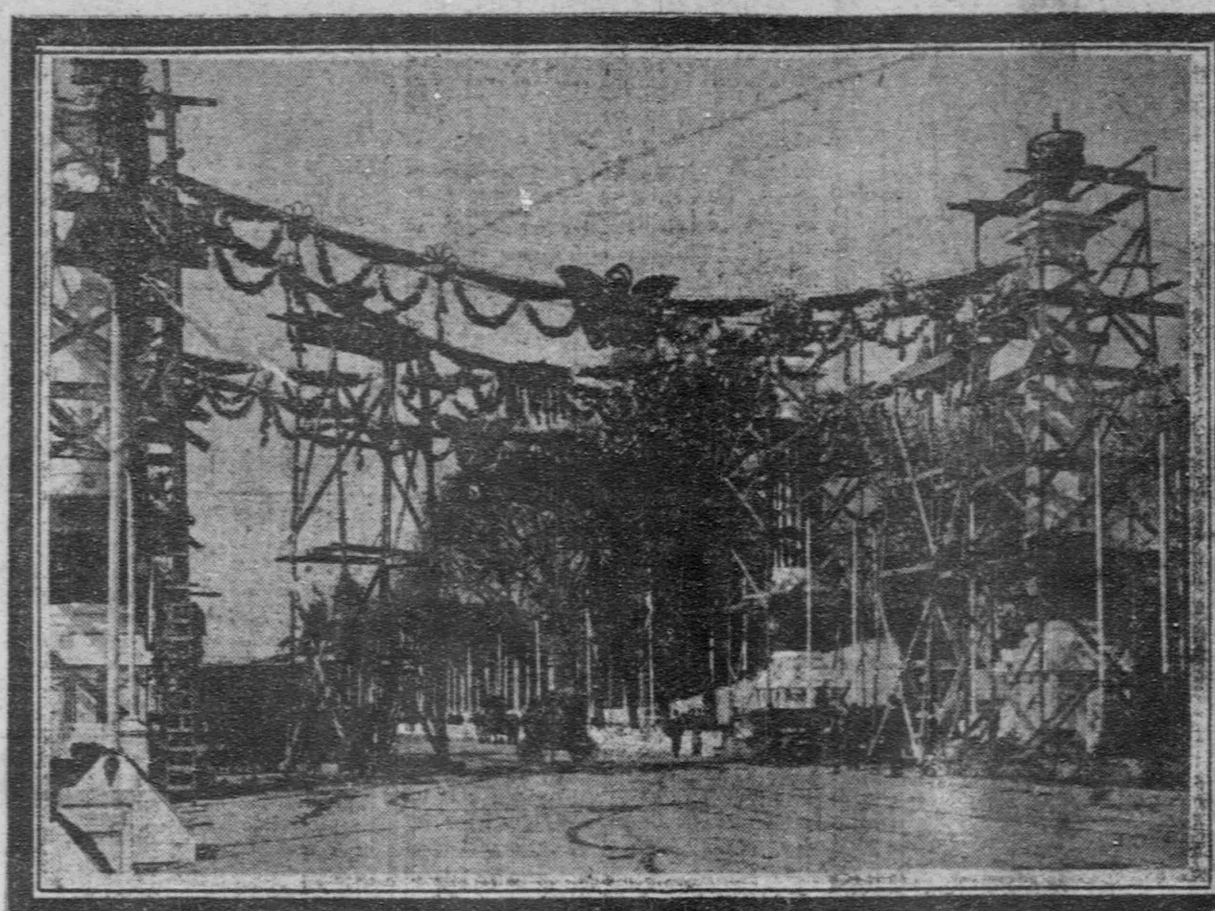
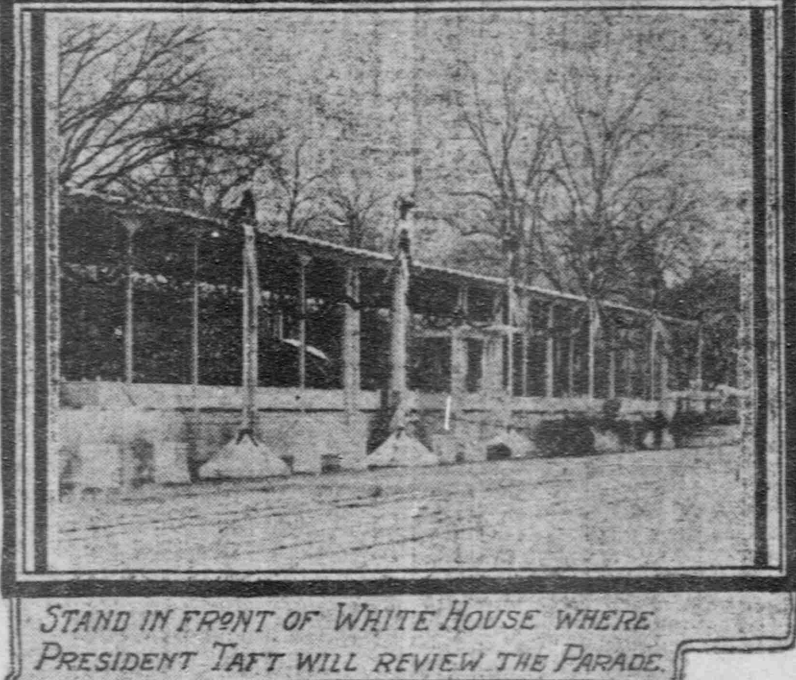
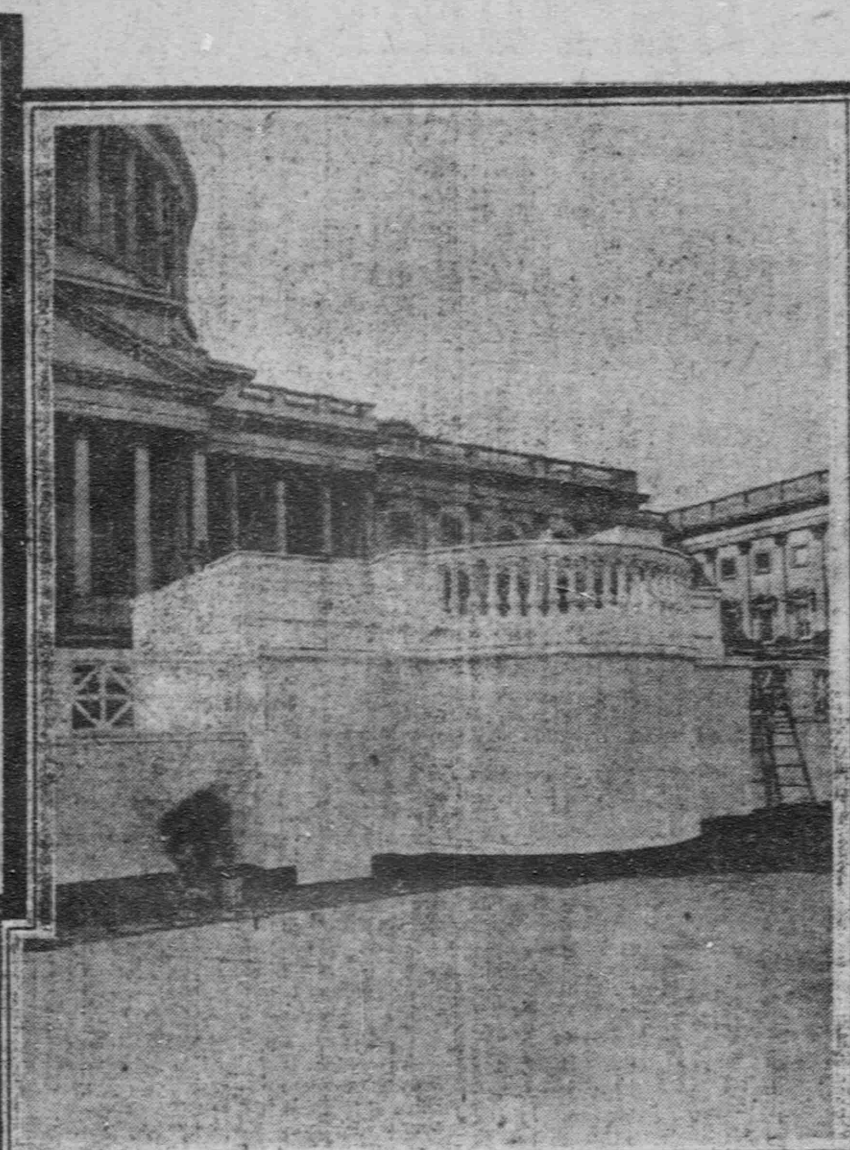
The entire system of illumination was
brilliant through the night. The Avenue
looked like a vista through a cave hung
with dazzling stalactites. The court of

Matinee, Cohen & Harris' Minstrels,
To-day, Columbia Theater, 8 to 11.30.

Gorgeous Flowers at Blackstone's.
Order inaugural flowers at once, 14th & H.

Special Train to Chicago.
Pennsylvania Railroad, account Inauguration.
Leave Union Station, Washington,
5:45 p. m., March 5, 6, and 7. Through
sleeping cars. Dining car.

ALL IN READINESS FOR THE INAUGURATION OF WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

DECORATING THE
COURT OF HONOR IN
FRONT OF WHITE HOUSESTAND IN FRONT OF WHITE HOUSE WHERE
PRESIDENT TAFT WILL REVIEW THE PARADESTAND IN FRONT OF CAPITOL WHERE PRESIDENT TAFT WILL
TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

honor, brighter than all the rest, threw
its light on a solid, surging mass of peo-
ple.
The question of accommodating incom-
ing crowds is a serious one.

Big Hotels Are Crowded.

The big hotels are already crowded.
The smaller hotels may have a few rooms
to let, but all will be gone before inau-
guration day. Rooms with baths cannot
be had, except in private houses—and, by
the way, a good many thrifty household-
ers will make a nice little penny out of
the inauguration through letting their
residences to people who have the money
to pay.

Small apartments that rent ordinarily
from \$40 to \$50 a month are being sublet
for this week for from \$5 to \$10, the
usual period of this temporary tenancy
being five days. At the hotels people who
want rooms with baths are told that the
last of these were reserved a month ago.
Public halls and the upper floors of ware-
houses have been fitted up for the accom-
modation of military and civil organiza-
tions already arrived. A cadet company
from a Georgia school formed the ad-
vance guard of a great throng that is
coming from that State, where Mr. Taft
spent the winter and made himself popu-
lar.

Big Prices for Windows.

Big prices are being paid for windows
of rooms overlooking the line of the pa-
rade. It is said some of them have been
rented for as low a price as \$10, but that
the regular tariff is about \$35 a window.
Senator Chauncey M. Depew, of New
York, has hired a single room in the
Corcoran Building, for which he will have
to pay \$300.

John Hays Hammond, the millionaire
mining engineer, who is president of the
League of Republican Clubs, will pay
\$500 for three windows in a building at
Fifteenth and F streets, opposite the
Treasury Building. Hotel rooms over-
looking the parade bring high prices.
Most of those who have the means to rent
such places of vantage will have lunch-
es served to their guests.

Draper, of Massachusetts, who has
plenty of money, has given up consid-
erable of it for a parlor on the second
floor of one of the leading hotels.
Preparations Completed.
The preparations of the inaugural com-
mittee have been completed, and so far
as its work is concerned, it is "all over
but the shouting." Its efforts now are
directed toward taking care of the minor
matters that are constantly coming up,
and it spent a busy day yesterday. Its
plans for the inaugural ball, as well as,
particularly at an end. Seats for this
function are on sale at the hotels and
banks and at a number of drug stores at
\$5 apiece.

And now, "if it only does not rain!"
This matter of inauguration always
bothers Washington.

Among the prominent arrivals will be
the governors of nearly all the States.
With them will come the uniformed mem-
bers of their several staffs. The gov-
ernors have all been invited to ride in
the inaugural parade at the head of
troops from their States, and most of
them intend to do so.

In the parade will be organizations of
Indians, people from the outlying pos-
sessions of the United States, Confederate
veterans, a brigade of bluejackets from
the battle-ship fleet, and scores of po-
litical clubs in costumes purchased espe-
cially for the occasion.

BOY SAVES BABY GIRL.

Five-year-old Edward Eldel Wades
Into Stream for Playmate.

Middletown, N. Y., March 2.—Five-year-
old Edward Eldel waded up to his neck
in a swift-running stream in this city to-
day and saved from drowning Gladys
Miller, a three-year-old girl, with whom
he had been playing. The children were
playing on the bank of the stream when
the little girl fell in. Jumping into the
water, the boy caught hold of the girl's
clothing and had drawn her half out on
the bank when his mother went to his
assistance.

BOODLER IS CONVICTED.

Refused to Keep Faith with Prosecu-
tion and Incurs Penalty.

San Francisco, March 2.—Michael W.
Coffey, the boozing supervisor who re-
fused to keep faith with the prosecution
in the graft cases and was convicted by
Honey of bribery, was sentenced to-day to
seven years in San Quentin.

Coffey, with sixteen others, was granted
immunity by Special District Attorney
Honey in return for a confession and a
promise that he would give full testimony
on the trials of Abe Ruef and others.
Coffey, when the Appellate Court re-
versed the conviction of Schmitt, thought
he saw his way to defy the prosecution,
and refused to keep his bargain.

SHOOTS BROTHER IN QUARREL.

Robert Amory Is Killed Near New-
port News with Shotgun.

Newport News, Va., March 2.—Robert
Amory, a prominent citizen of York
County, was shot and fatally wounded
this morning by his brother, Leroy
Amory. The wounded man died this af-
ternoon. Bad feeling is said to have
existed between the brothers for some
time.

According to the story, Robert Amory
went to his brother's house this morning
and started a row. A fight ensued, and
Leroy Amory shot his brother down, us-
ing a double-barreled shotgun. Leroy
Amory gave himself up to the sheriff.

IMMIGRANTS BY THOUSANDS.

Total Number of Aliens Due This
Week to Break Record.

New York, March 2.—The steamship
Carmania, which arrived to-day from the
Adriatic and Mediterranean, brought 2,300
steering passengers, the largest number
that have come by a single ship this
year. It was a big day for alien arrivals,
as the Chemnitz from Bremen brought
about 1,500 steerage, and the Kronland
from Antwerp 1,500.

Including 1,005 third-class arrivals by
the Noordham, which reached Ellis Island
this morning, a new record for the Immi-
gration Bureau since the depression, was
looked for. Altogether there were about
7,000 aliens to be passed during the day.
There are several liners due with large
steering lists, and it is expected that the
total alien arrivals for the week will run
over 12,000 persons.

Violets, 25c per bunch. Kramer, 515 F.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia,
Maryland, and Virginia—Show-
ers to-day; to-morrow, at present
uncertain; moderate southerly,
shifting to westerly winds.

TWO MORE TOWNS DRY.

Elections in Vermont Show Little
Change from Last Year.

Burlington, Vt., March 2.—Town and
city elections were held throughout Ver-
mont to-day, the vote on license being
the common point of interest. The num-
ber of places voting for license to sell
intoxicating liquors, with all towns here,
is twenty-five, compared with twenty-
seven one year ago.

The only large places going for license
were Burlington, St. Albans City, North-
field, Bennington, Winooski, and Ver-
genne. Rutland City turned from yes to
no. Somerset, which has five voters, went
solidly for license, and Baltimore, with
fourteen voters, went solidly no for the
seventh time.

The contests for mayor were led by the
exciting fight here. James E. Burke, widely
known in past years as Burlington's
blacksmith mayor, defeating Mayor W. J.
Bigelow by 18 majority. Burke has run
for mayor eight times and has won five
elections. Bigelow, who is a newspaper
man, has opposed him three times, and
been beaten twice.

So Philadelphia and Return.
Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.
Tickets good 11 days. Royal Blue trains
leave Union Station 7, 9, 11 a. m.; 1, 3, 5, 9
p. m., and 12:15 night and 2:30 a. m.

CRAZED MAN KILLED BY POSSE

Valet of Brig. Gen. Miller Takes
Possession of Country Home.

Villagers Defied by Man Insane from
Liquor, and Exchange Shots
with the Madman.

Nashua, N. H., March 2.—George L.
Marcotte, aged thirty-five, unmarried,
who had for three years been employed
as valet for Brig. Gen. James Miller, U.
S. A., retired, at Temple, N. H., was
killed at 4 o'clock this afternoon by a
load of buckshot fired by a gun in the
hands of Harvey Eastman.

Marcotte was taken crazy from the ex-
cessive use of liquor a short time before,
and, securing a revolver, drove Gen. Mil-
ler and his housekeeper from the house.
The place is located about a mile and a
half from Temple village. Gen. Miller
sent to the village, and apprised the
authorities that a desperado had taken
possession of his house and threatened
instant death to any one who tried to
dislodge him.

A posse of a dozen men was organized,
who proceeded to the Miller place and
surrounded the house. Marcotte appeared
at the door and windows so rapidly that
it gave the impression that the house was
guarded by a number of armed men.
Whenever he was called upon to sur-
render he replied with revolver shots, and
appeared to have an inexhaustible supply
of cartridges.

Finally Will Davidson and Harvey
Eastman, two members of the posse, by
dodging from tree to tree, worked up
within short range of the house. Marcotte
came out and tried to rush them. David-
son, who was armed with a revolver, em-
ptied it, rapidly exchanging shots with
the advancing desperado. None of the shots
fired by either side took effect. Eastman,
who is a deer hunter, was armed with a
double-barreled gun, charged with a triple
load of buckshot. He let go the two bar-
rels rapidly, and Marcotte fell, riddled
and so badly wounded that he soon ex-
pired.

RECTOR SAVES ALTAR PLATE

Leaves a Sick Bed to Aid at Fire in
His Church.

Panic in Philadelphia Hospital
Nearby Prevented by Coolness
of Woman Superintendent.

Philadelphia, March 2.—Going where fire-
men feared to enter, plunging into a fur-
nace of smoke and flame in order that he
might rescue the golden altar orna-
ments, Rev. David M. Steele, rector of St.
Luke's Episcopal Memorial Church, Sev-
enteenth and Summer streets, was the
hero of a fire which nearly destroyed that
fashionable edifice this afternoon.

Leaving a sick bed but a short time,
where he had been held prisoner by ty-
phoid, the rector, after running more than
half a mile, plunged into the burning
church, where ten firemen had been taken
out unconscious, and saved the altar de-
corations and the plate.

Panic-stricken parishioners stood breath-
lessly after the clergyman entered the
church. They did not expect him to
emerge. In a few minutes there ap-
peared a figure in the doorway with face
smudged with soot, but holding an im-
mense gold cross to his breast. In his
other hand he carried the communion
service and altar clothes. Staggering to
where the parishioners stood, the rector
handed them the ornaments, and then
started to assist in getting other valu-
ables from the edifice.

Across the street from the burning
church the Orthopaedic Hospital, with 150
patients suffering with nervous diseases,
almost had a stampede, but Margaret
Wilson, the superintendent, prevented a
complete panic.

The mammoth pipe organ, handsome
decorations, stained glass windows, and
other parts of the church and parish
building will bring the loss by fire to \$20,
000, it is expected.

LEGISLATORS ARE SMIRCHED.

Wisconsin Lawmakers Paid for Aid-
ing La Follette's Candidate.

Milwaukee, March 2.—A statement of
expenditures by W. H. Hutton, the La
Follette candidate, in his Senatorial cam-
paign filed to-day, shows that there is
more question in the La Follette candi-
date's account than had been shown in
the statement of Senator Stephenson, who
La Follette is fighting so vigorously.

The La Follette men have been fighting
strenuously on the argument that Stephe-
nson gave small amounts of money to
three legislators who worked for him.
The Hutton account filed to-day, in de-
tail shows that Lieut. Gov. Strange, three
members of the State senate, and two
assemblymen shared in the expenditures
for the La Follette candidate. The sums
were as follows:

John Strange, \$50; Senator A. W. San-
born, \$50; Senator G. B. Hudnall, \$30;
Senator Henry Lockney, \$15; Assembly-
man Henry Krumrey, \$30, and Assembly-
man E. J. Kemp, \$30.

All of these, except Kemp, have been
active in the fight over Stephenson.

Deny Cruelty Charge.

Paris, March 2.—The developments in
the Sargente case, the couple who are ac-
cused of ill treating children in their care,
tend to lessen the gravity of the charges,
and seem to dispose entirely of the sus-
picion that they received children for
payment.

Dr. Bebel Attends Reichstag.

Berlin, March 2.—The report in cir-
culation yesterday that Dr. Ferdinand
August Bebel, the leader of the Social-
Democrats in the Reichstag, was seriously
ill, received a contradiction to-day, when
Bebel, apparently well, appeared at a
session of the Reichstag.

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New York.

TAFT PLAYS GOLF
WITH EASY MINDHas Quiet Day, Unworried by
Future Problems.

RECEPTIONS IN EVENING

President-elect Will Move Into
White House To-morrow.

Invites Members of Philippine Par-
ty to Luncheon at White House
On First Day—Visit of Reverend New
England Aunt a Notable One for
Taft Family—Many Friends Call at
the Boardman Residence.

Only one day more before the poignant
period of suspense is over for Citizen
William Howard Taft—before the fateful,
Bible-kissing hour of ceremony ar-
rives.

Last night he slept the sleep of the
just, but what his dreams were let no
inquisitive public inquire. Yesterday he
enjoyed himself in the good, old Taft
way, with a fine, slashing golf game at
Chevy Chase as his chief delight.

The Tafts will, to all intents and
purposes, move into the White House
to-day. They have accepted an invita-
tion from President and Mrs. Roosevelt
to spend the night there. The President-
elect and Mrs. Taft will drive to the
White House in time for dinner. Their
going will be purely informal. They will
probably have a good many of their
personal belongings moved over to the
White House from the Boardman house
in the course of the afternoon.

The opportunity to spend the night at
the White House will save the President-
elect and Mrs. Taft much inconvenience.
They will be spared the trouble of a
morning drive through the crowded
streets, and will, besides, be able to
prepare themselves for the rush of in-
auguration day.

Takes Things Easy.

The President-elect scudded about town
in his white "wizard" car in the morning
yesterday, and took things easy and
calmly. Politics intruded on his time to a
certain extent, and the social mill kept
grinding away merrily. In the evening
he was delighted to find his family cir-
cle almost complete. Robert, his older
son, now at Yale, will not arrive until
this morning.

The Ohioan possesses a congenial in-
capacity for worry, for this is a vital part
of the Taft temperament; but he ardently
desires the weather man to meet him
half way to-morrow. He is prepared to
distribute sunshine and good will, and he
wants the elements to match his mood.
He will be a very disappointed man if
Medicine Hat perversely gives him an
anti-Taft day.

Yesterday was, comparatively speaking,
a quiet day for him, and to-day will be
equally so. He is carefully husbanding
his resources for the event which will
make almost unexampled demands upon
his vitality. In this he shows his con-
servative and cautious wisdom.
His day ended with an informal recep-
tion at the Boardman residence from 10:30
o'clock until midnight. About 100 friends
came to greet him. Previous to this he
made a brief call at the home of Thomas
F. Walsh, who gave a dinner of forty
covers in honor of the inaugural ball aids.
Mr. Taft arrived in time to hear informal
addresses made by Speaker Cannon, Gist
Blair, Chester Arthur, of Colorado, and
others. He made a short and felicitous
address himself.

Happy Social Circle.

The Tafts are now arriving in Wash-
ington in such numbers that they form
quite a large and happy social circle.
There are children, brothers, sisters, and
maiden aunts, all proud of their distin-
guished relative. A family reunion will
be held soon after the inaugural, but the
date has not been set.

Miss Helen Taft, the President-elect's
only daughter, came to the city from her
studies at Bryn Mawr last evening. Her
arrival was simultaneous with that of
"Charlie" Taft, who is now a student at
the Horace D. Taft School, in Water-
town, Conn. "Charlie" is familiar with
Washington, and was duly impressed with
the court of honor. The Taft children
will spend only two nights in the White
House before returning to their school
duties.

The President-elect's three brothers—
Charles F. Taft, of Cincinnati; Henry W.
of New York City, and Horace D. of
Washington, Conn.—and his sister, Mrs.
Edwards, of Los Angeles, Cal.,
arrived yesterday. C. F. Taft, with his
wife and two daughters, Mrs. Albert
Engell, and Miss Louise Taft, are occupy-
ing the Hopkins home, on the southeast
corner of Connecticut avenue and Dupont
circle. Henry W. Taft, with his wife,
two sons, and a daughter, is at the New
Willard Hotel, and so also is Mrs. Ed-
wards. Horace D. Taft and his children
are the guests of James R. Garfield, Sec-
retary of the Interior.

Afternoon at Golf.

The President-elect "stole away" yes-
terday afternoon from the long string of
handshakers who daily visit the Board-
man home. He took his golf clubs and
caddy bag with him, picked up Gen.
Charles R. Edwards, head of the Bureau
of Insular Affairs, and started for the
Chevy Chase links.

Mr. Taft was out on the course prac-
tically the entire afternoon. He played 18
holes—his last game as a private citizen
for at least four years—and the result
was a tragedy for Edwards.

The general didn't care to tell the score,
and Mr. Taft said it would be unkind for
him to do so. But, anyway, the Presi-

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